

CITY OF BELLE ISLE



Declaring April 28th, 2018 as *Arbor Day* in the City of Belle Isle

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- Whereas, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and Whereas, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and
- Whereas, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and Whereas, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and
- Whereas, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and
- Whereas, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

Now, Therefore, I, Lydia Pisano, Mayor of the City of Belle Isle, do hereby proclaim, April 28th, 2018 as Arbor Day in the City of Belle Isle, and I urge all residents to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands.

Further, I urge all residents to plant trees and promote the well-being of this, and future generations; and to broaden and diversify the environmental movement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Belle Isle to be affixed this 17th day of April, in the year two thousand eighteen.

Mayor Lydia Pisano

Attest: _____
Yolanda Quiceno, City Clerk

